

REMARKS

Claims 3-13 are pending. Claims 3 and 5 are allowed. Claims 4 and 8-13 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner for being drawn to a non-elected invention. By this Amendment, Claims 8-13 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 6 and 7 are amended. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the originally filed Specification. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the Amendment Proper

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments to claims 6 and 7 merely correct formalities regarding clarification of the claimed features and in no way add further features; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The Amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented because it is made in response to arguments raised in the Final Rejection. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Claims Allowed

Applicant respectfully acknowledges and appreciates the indication by the Examiner that Claims 3 and 5 are allowed.

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Claims Allowable

Applicant respectfully acknowledges and appreciates the indication by the Examiner that Claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome a rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended responsive to the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Amending of and Rejoinder of Claim 4

Claim 4 was withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner for being directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 4 depended from generic claims 1 or 2. Allowed Claim 3 was rewritten to include the features recited by originally filed Claims 1-2. Applicants respectfully request that upon the allowance of Claims 3 and 5-7, Claim 4 be amended to depend from Claim 3 and be rejoined as permitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, allowance of Claims 3-7, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 106145-00022.**

Respectfully submitted,


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